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Crop Insurance Update

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A - Agriculture

R - Risk

P - Protection

A - Act

Passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton during the 2000 Legislative session. Public Law 106-224 (106th Congress)

QUICK OVERVIEW:

Invests about \$8.5 billion in additional spending over five years (2001 - 2005)

Makes "buy up" more affordable - equalizes the RMA premium subsidy for "revenue products"

Targets the 75% coverage level for maximum subsidy

Addresses multi-year loss problems

QUICK OVERVIEW - CONTINUED

Expands authority / pilot programs for specialty crops

Mandates a livestock pilot

Specific and extensive focus on reducing fraud, waste and abuse

Addresses double coverage and prevented planting issues

Coverage and premium subsidy - highlights

The out of pocket premium paid by the farmer is less than the previous legislation

The "target" coverage level for premium subsidy is increased from the 65% to the 75% coverage level

Balanced premium subsidy

Revenue coverage options such as crc and ra will now receive the same %age premium subsidy at a given level as the aph plan

80% and 85% coverage levels will be more widely available and usually a more expensive option for the farmer to purchase

Multi-year loss problem - solution

Effective for 2001 spring crops an option for the buyer:

Plug any yield in the aph database that is below "60% of T" with "60% of T"

T is the transitional yield for a crop in a county usually used for new producers

New and higher guarantee based upon this process will result - premium may be higher

EXAMPLE OF 2001 PURCHASE OPTIONS FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS CLINTON COUNTY, INDIANA ASSUME 160 BUSHEL APH FOR CORN ASSUME A \$2.05 PRICE FOR CORN ASSUME 52 BUSHEL APH FOR BEANS ASSUME A \$4.80 PRICE FOR BEANS ASSUME OPTIONAL UNITS

A R PA / 2000

CORN / 2001

** $160 \times 75\% \times $2.40 = $288 - \text{crc cost is } 8.81 per acre

** $160 \times 85\% \times $2.40 = $288 - \text{crc cost is } 21.87 \text{ per acre}$

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REDUCING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE IN CROP INSURANCE (FWA)

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- 1. COORDINATED RMA / FSA PLAN
- 2. RECONCILE RMA/FSA RECORDS YEARLY,
- SUCH AS SHARES REPORTED OR LDP
- RECORDS VS APH OR LOSS INFO
- 3. FSA COUNTY OFFICES CAN AND WILL REPORT CASES OF SUSPECTED F/W/A

USA/MPCI CAUSE OF LOSS

- 1. DROUGHT (37%)
- 2. EXCESS RAIN (33%)
 - 3. HAIL (13%)
 - 4. FREEZE (5%)
 - 5. OTHER (12%)

◆ END OF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

♦QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS??